(ख) भावी सहयोग के क्षेत्रों का निर्धारण भारत-इजराइल संबंधों के विकास के साथ समय आने पर किया जाएगा । उसमें उन सभी क्षेत्रों के शामिल होने की उम्मीद है जहां हित एक समान हों और वे परस्पर पूरक हों । तथापि, फिलहाल कोई विशिष्ट प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन नहीं है ।

Clearance of pending cases in Courts

1676. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large volume of cases are pending in lower courts, High Courts and Supreme Court;

(b) If so, the details of such pendencies as on date;

(c) whether any steps have been initiated to bring about quick disposal; and

(d) whether Government proposes to simplify the legal procedures in the Courts so that justice is not only quick but also simple?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The available information regarding pendency of cases in the lower courts, High Courts and Supreme Court is furnished in the attached Statement I and II. (See below).

(c) and (d) The Judge strength has been increased from time to time. The various Courts have taken suitable steps such as grouping of cases involving common questions of law, giving priority to cases requiring quick disposal, constitution of specialised benches, etc. The various recommendations made by the Arrears Committee, which examined the problem of arrears in the Courts covering various aspects like jurisdictional and procedural modifications/improvements in the judiciary, setting up of specialised bodies such as tribunals/commissions to deal with specific types of cases, improvements in infrastructural facilities including modernisation of office equipment in Courts, allocation of more funds to the judiciary, improvements in day to day working of the Courts, etc. have been commended to all concerned Central Ministries, the State Governments and High Courts for necessary follow-up action.

The Benches have been so constituted in the Supreme Court that they function for a longer period and work so allocated that similar matters are posted before the same Bench.

Statement-I

Total pendency of civil and criminal cases in district and subordinate courts as on 31-12-1988 *all over the country*

1		2
Andhra Pradesh	..	7,29,370
Arunachal Pradesh	..	2,416
Assam	..	1,98,371
Bihar	..	9,12,269

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Goa, Daman & Diu	37,59
Gujarat	17,31,835
Haryana	2,35,343
Himachal Pradesh	45,563
Jammu & Kashmir	1,30,083
Karnataka	8,67,477
Kerala	3,91,073
Madhya Pradesh	11,28,770 (as on 30-6-88)
Maharashtra	29,29,198
Manipur	33,501
Meghalaya	9,803
Mizoram	1,331
Nagaland	576
Orissa	3,86,501
Punjab	2,19,815
Rajasthan	8,54,488
Sikkim	800
Tamil Nadu	10,84,044
Tripura	23,961
Uttar Pradesh	17,93,871
West Bengal	17,74,457
A & N Islands	8,711
Chandigarh	19,138
D & N Haveli	554
Delhi	3,76,290
Lakshadweep	299
Pondicherry	9,542

Statement-II

Pendency of cases in Supreme Court and High Courts

Name of the Court	No. of cases pending as on 31-12-1991
Supreme Court	134221
Name of the High Courts	
Rajasthan	91578
Delhi	134053
Punjab & Haryana	97757
Karnataka	99067
Gujarat	91156
Sikkim	72*
Himachal Pradesh	13029*
Bombay	170574**
Andhra Pradesh	76314
Allahabad	568847*
Guwahati	22499**
Madhya Pradesh	70096**
Patna	67777@
Orissa	33303@
Madras	236579@
Kerala	73411@
Calcutta	210560@
Jammu & Kashmir	42099 as on 31-12-89

*Position as on 31-7-1991.

**Position as on 30-6-1991.

@Position as on 31-12-1990.